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County Schools Reopen Monday, Two Weeks before Labor Day

by Mary Moien and Barbara Likowski

Prince George's County public schools will open next Monday, August 20 – in what has become the usual two weeks before Labor Day. At the other end of the school calendar year schools will close June 6, if no make-up dates are needed.

Even though schools open early, this year there will be three holidays in the first six weeks of school. Schools are closed for Labor Day (September 3), a Rosh Hashanah and the start of Ramadan (September 13) and Yom Kippur (September 21). The first day of school parents are encouraged to walk with their children to school or to meet them at school when they arrive by bus. Hours for all schools are shown in a box elsewhere in this paper.

Highlights of Changes

All Greenbelt children now go to one of three elementary schools – Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary Schools. No children are being bused to Berwyn Heights Elementary

school this year.

This year, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School require that students wear uniforms. Uniforms are not required at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Springhill Lake will continue to have the 5th grade as its highest grade. Sixth graders from Springhill Lake apartments attend Greenbelt Middle School, although their classes are often separate from those of the older students.

Starting Age

The birth dates for admission for some classes have changed since the 2006 school year.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten (formerly called preschool), a student must be four on or before September 1, although parents of children who will be four by October 31 can apply for admission if there are demonstrated educational needs.

For kindergarten, children must be five on or before September 1.

Parents of children who will be five by November 30 may ask to have their child evaluated for admission.

For first graders ages for admission are birth dates of November 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001. Because of complexities with ages of children, parents can call the school system at 301-808-4000 for more information.

Documents

New students need to bring all of the necessary paperwork when registering for school. This applies to new students and transferring students at all age levels.

Students must have six specific documents with them when registering. These include birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security number, proof of residency, name and address of previous school and the child's last report card.

Immunizations needed include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis,

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Dayan “Jack” Li receives a proclamation from the Prince George's County Council, presented by Councilmember Ingrid Turner who represents Greenbelt and Bowie.

ERHS Graduate Dayan Li Wins Top Science Award

by Paula Clinedinst

Between August 24 and September 6, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) graduate Dayan “Jack” Li plans to get some rest. He will have just completed his second internship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will be leaving for his freshman year at Harvard. There he will major in biomedical studies with

a focus on molecular and cellular biology.

In addition to being valedictorian of the ERHS Class of 2007 (with a 4.47 grade point average), Li is fluent in four languages and an accomplished violinist. But among all his achievements, Li

See **LI**, page 8

Three Day Charrette Will Plan City's Future in a Green World

by Marat Moore

If you could peer into a crystal ball and see Greenbelt's future, what vision would you most like to see? Put another way, what's most important to you in the longer term? Whether it's the rising cost of energy, your individual co-op unit, the vitality of Roosevelt Center, crime prevention or mass-transit options – or any of the other issues that measure our town's quality of life

– the topics of concern to you are likely already under review. Such a study has been part of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI), a three-year collaboration between the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI).

Surveys are currently being circulated to GHI residents and other city residents who live

outside the cooperative to gather information on what issues are of greatest interest to the people of Greenbelt as the AIA and GHI work on plans for an upcoming three-day community forum. The program will be a “charrette” – when a team of architects, designers and planners engage Greenbelt residents in small-group discussions on a host of topics on September 28 through 30.

In GHI, volunteers are going door-to-door to spread the word and distribute surveys. The charrette will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road (near the intersection of Ridge and Research Roads), with an opening session on Friday night, discussions all day Saturday and discussions and wrap-up on Sunday.

Themes

Four themes will infuse all discussions – livability, sustainability, affordability and preservation. The topics will be explored on four levels, from small to large in scale: 1) individual homes, residential units and grounds; 2) Greenbelt town center; 3) historic Greenbelt; and 4) greater Greenbelt and the region.

See **CHARRETTE**, page 6

What Goes On

Monday, August 20

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: City Goals – Planning Session, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, August 22

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Chapter 4 Code Revisions; Encroachment Policy, Community Center

Thursday, August 23

8 p.m., GHI Budget Meeting, GHI Board Room

Friday, August 24

8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Closings

Friday, August 10 through Monday, August 20

Municipal Post Office Closed

Monday, August 20, 8 p.m. through Monday, August 27, 6 a.m.

Indoor pool closed for annual cleaning. During this time the outdoor pool will be open weekdays 6 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. The fitness wing will be closed for cleaning August 21, 22 and 23.

Crime Rate Is Decreasing In State as Well as City

by James Giese

The Maryland State Police Uniform Crime Report for the first three months of the 2007 calendar year, released July 23, indicates that the recent trend in Greenbelt of diminishing crime extends throughout the state. For the more serious Class I crimes, the state reports a six percent decrease over the same period in

2006. In Greenbelt, the decrease was 18 percent for the first three months, as reported in a June 8 News Review story.

In six of the seven categories of Class I crimes, state statistics show decreases in crimes committed. Only in the crime of murder

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McLaughlin Lists the Top Ten Matters of Concern

by James Giese

City Manager Michael McLaughlin provided the Greenbelt City Council with an update on the status of the council's “Top Ten List” of matters of concern. Most of the list relates to city projects. A few do not.

1. Greenbelt Station Status: McLaughlin indicated no progress since his last report. However, he said that staff were beginning to hear complaints from developer representatives that

progress on the city's issuing tax incremental financing bonds was taking too long. City staff, on the other hand, complain that the developer's representatives have not been providing needed information to prepare a fiscal impact statement.

McLaughlin also reported that site plans for the two sections of the South Core to be developed

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Letters to the Editor

Good to See Historic Pictures Return

Kudos to the Recreation Department for restoring the Community Center hallway back to its full historical glory. It is so good to see again all those pictures displaying the birth of our city.

Thanks again and please, don't change it anymore! Leave well enough alone!

Jean Snyder
Leonie Penney

Editor's Note: The historic photos were taken down to be reworked with new matting and more detailed captions.

Rosy, Deceptive

It is nothing but good news that Greenbelt crime is down in the first six months of this year compared to last, as described on the News Review's front page. And I applaud our city police and neighborhood watch groups for their role in those numbers. But what concerns me deeply is the incomplete and selective nature of the article and the lack of context.

Why was there no effort to compare Greenbelt's crime rates against those of nearby jurisdictions? Many municipalities collect and publish such data.

Is it because our annual rate of criminal incidents exceeded all reporting jurisdictions in the Washington region – including DC – according to a Council of Governments (COG) report of 2006 data released this month? (It should be noted that some jurisdictions did not participate in the COG analysis.) Or because the number and rate of robberies in Greenbelt compares very unfavorably to nearby areas, according to COG and the Maryland State Police?

Readers can confirm this information here: <http://www.mw-cog.org/uploads/news-documents/DFxf20070712104637.pdf> or see the 2006 Uniform Crime Report for Maryland.

Why was it not stated that our numbers of rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults are essentially the same in 2007 (year-to-date) as they were three and four years ago? There is no decrease over the years as the headline and story suggest – only numbers that remain disturbingly high.

Why did the cumulative tally of "major" crimes cited in the lead paragraph include car theft, effectively equating the loss of a life with the loss of an automobile? Even if that is common police statistical practice, it seems at least inappropriate and means cumulative numbers heralded at the top of the story have dubious value.

Why was there no outside authority or expert invited to comment upon or assess the crime data published by our police department? Indeed, why was the simple data table on which the article bases its observations not included in the newspaper? It is on the city website.

Most importantly, why was there no broader context – statistical or regional – offered in the article about Greenbelt crime?

Is it because we live in the third-most violent state in the nation (Census Bureau) or the most violent county in that state outside Baltimore (MD State Police)? Is it because over the pre-

vious five full years crime against persons in Greenbelt – violent crime – had risen 15 percent?

Five years is a trend. As much as I hope it becomes one, six months is not.

Certainly, crime is an unpleasant topic. And I don't relish the personal accusations of alarmism, negativity or paranoia that will surely follow publication of this letter. My own experience with crime has simply made me more attentive to the issue and more critical of statistics. News Review stories that imply erroneously that our crime rates are low for the area, recent progress is a trend or that Greenbelt is safer than several years ago, should not go un rebutted.

Reducing fear is the legitimate role of police and even journalists when the numbers warrant it and to the degree they do.

We live in a city whose 2006 annual per capita rate of all crime and of robberies, was among the higher in the metro area – higher even than DC – according to COG and other government sources. I only hope that citizens, police and city government will not be less vigilant in addressing and responding to the ongoing reality of high crime in Greenbelt as a result of the News Review's rosy but potentially deceptive reporting.

Andy Carruthers

Editor's Note: The News Review regularly publishes annual summaries of city crime data. It is unusual for the paper to publish quarterly crime data (see April 1 issue for last annual crime data story). However, the drop in crime as compared to previous years, particularly the decrease in the number of robberies, which had increased in each previous year, is so significant as to make it newsworthy. The categories of crime reported are the standard categories used by police jurisdictions throughout the state and country and were not determined by this paper.

Reporting comparative crime figures of Greenbelt to other jurisdictions is more difficult as the information for other jurisdictions is not made available until much later in the year than the information provided by Greenbelt Police. The News Review last made such a comparison December 1, 2005, using data for 2004. At that time Greenbelt's crime rate was slightly less than that of Prince George's County and greater than that of most of its neighboring cities.

In this issue is an article comparing first quarter 2007 figures for the city, the state and counties based on a July 23 state report recently obtained by this paper.

It would be possible to provide greater in-depth analysis of this and many other subjects of interest to Greenbelt readers if more interested Greenbelt citizens were willing to devote their time and effort to investigating and writing for this newspaper. As a volunteer newspaper the News Review always welcomes persons willing to do the myriad tasks needed to produce a weekly newspaper devoted to providing Greenbelt citizens with informative, accurate and up to date information.

Explore the World As P.I.E. Student

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) is a nonprofit student exchange organization that is often described in the News Review as looking for school-year homes here for foreign exchange students. The organization also arranges for U.S. students to travel as students to other countries including Brazil, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, South Korea, Australia, England and Ireland.

Students looking for an experience of a lifetime, ready to form lifelong friendships in foreign countries, seeking an opportunity to stand at the top of the Eiffel tower, learn to surf in Australia or visit the Roman Coliseum could study abroad through P.I.E. to make those dreams a reality.

Interested students are invited to contact P.I.E. for more information on making the world their classroom. Call 1-888-PIEUSA1 (743-8721) or visit www.pieusa.org.

M-NCPPC Shows The Art of Boxing

"The Art of Boxing," photographs of boxing by Linda Siadys, will be exhibited by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission from August 17 through October 5. On August 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. there will be a public reception to view the exhibit at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 3rd floor conference room, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale. For additional information call 301-454-1450. Siadys is also a photographer on the staff of the News Review.

Cooking Demo Held At US Botanic Garden

Peppers are bountiful this time of year, seducing everyone with their beautiful colors and shapes. Watch Tania Mercer, chef and nutrition advisor, prepare three simple recipes using peppers at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Thursday, August 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tri-color gazpacho, jalapeno hummus and paella will be demonstrated in the Conservatory classroom. Pre-registration is requested; seating is limited. Register at the U. S. Botanic Garden website at www.usbg.gov.

NAMI Support Group To Meet Next Monday

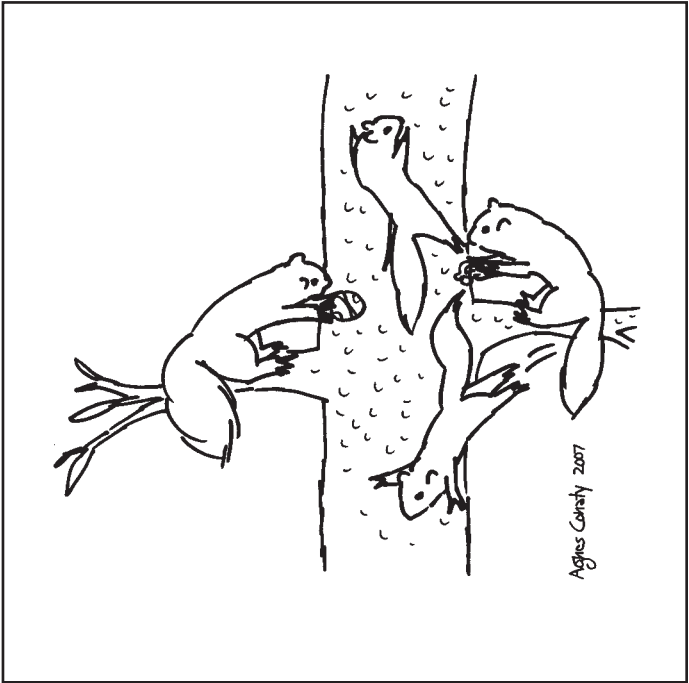
The New Carrollton area and NAMI support group will meet on Monday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions. The group meets in the Hanks Building, 8511 Legation Road on the third Monday of each month.

There will be no workshops in August.

Aviation Museum Offers Talk, Crafts

Learn how airmail service began at College Park and evolved through the years. Come fly the Curtiss "Jenny" airmail flight simulator on Tuesday, August 21. There will be a short talk on airmail history and arts and crafts at 2 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum.

Grin Belt



"Oh-oh, watch out!
It might be a recalled toy!"

On Screen

Reinventing Jane

"Becoming Jane" imagines Anne Hathaway ("Brokeback Mountain") as a young Jane Austen and James McAvoy ("The Last King of Scotland") as the love interest. The story is perhaps based more on Jane Austen's novel "Pride and Prejudice" than events in the author's life. Julie Walters (the Harry Potter series) – as Jane's mother – and Maggie Smith ("Gosford Park") try to convince Jane to marry sensibly, while her father, played by James Cromwell ("The Queen"), encourages her to follow her heart. In the end, Jane writes it all down.

Directed by Julian Jarrold (Kinky Boots), "Becoming Jane" is rated PG for brief nudity and language and runs 120 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Saturday, August 18, 11 a.m., Seller’s Seminar

Monday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., Communications Committee meeting

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

Thursday, August 23, 8 p.m., GHI Budget Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, August 28, 7 p.m., GGI Communications/Stakeholders and Outreach

Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3 M&CR Labor Day float and booth activities

Monday, September 3, Labor Day, offices closed

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

Storytimes

Tuesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 22, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, August 23, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24 include:

Monday – Minestrone soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, lettuce & tomato salad with dressing, (two) oatmeal cookies.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, canned pears.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup with crackers, baked pork chops with gravy, green peas, candied sweet potatoes, sweet cherries.

Thursday – Orange juice, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, chopped collards, macaroni & cheese, sliced peaches.

Friday – Cranapple juice, BBQ beef ribette on a bun, potato salad, chopped spinach, fresh melon.

GIVES Gears Up For Labor Day

by Virginia Beauchamp

According to Jean Cook, recently elected president of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), members of the organization are gearing up for the annual Labor Day Festival weekend. As usual they will sponsor a booth on Saturday of that weekend to distribute information about this unique service organization.

Membership in GIVES is free. The organization was founded in 1993 under the principle of Neighbors Helping Neighbors – a longtime Greenbelt tradition. If a member needs help with something – say, a ride to a medical appointment or a light bulb screwed into a ceiling fixture – that member may call the central number for the organization (301-507-6580) and place a request.

The only expense is to be willing to pay back the time involved by providing a similar or different service for someone else. A central bookkeeping system keeps track of this exchange of services.

Supported by the city, GIVES has office space in the Senior Lounge of the Community Building, where a volunteer will take phone messages between 10 a.m. and noon and between 1 and 3 p.m. every weekday. At other times, messages may be left with the answering machine, which is monitored frequently.

Among the kinds of services that may be requested are yard work, laundry and light house-keeping, friendly visitations and telephone reassurance (especially valuable for frail and elderly members) and reading and letter writing. Other services might be shopping and errands, pet care, meal preparation and minor home repairs. Help with packing and moving or sewing and mending are other services offered.

Even homebound members may participate, repaying services to themselves, perhaps, by making reminder telephone calls or handling mailings.

GIVES’ annual meeting is held in June and other meetings – open to all members – take place quarterly as needed. Besides president Cook, other board members are Judith Davis, vice president; Linda Curtis, treasurer; and Mary Chapman, secretary.

Caregiver Support Group Meets 8/28

A city-sponsored, free caregiver support group meets Tuesday, August 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt. For more details call Sharon Vanzego, Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) intern at 240-542-2036.

Water Trees

The City of Greenbelt’s Horticulture crew is continuously watering to prevent loss of trees and shrubs due to drought conditions. Despite this practice they are beginning to see large and small trees dying. The Horticulture crew asks that residents consider deeply watering trees on and around residential property. For more information, see instructions in the article “Watering Trees, Good Investment,” by Kathleen Bucco, WPS Park ranger.

Larry Noel/Greenbelt Labor Day 15K Run

The 49th running of the 15K race will begin on Northway at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 2. There is also a 3K event around the lake. Race Day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 4 p.m. There is a fee. For more information visit www.dcroadrunkers.org or call the DC Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

Senior Softballers Beat Gold in 9th

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League rallied in the 9th inning at home on Wednesday, August 8 to beat Bowie Gold 12-11. It was their third win in a row and fourth of the last five games.

In a see-saw game, Greenbelt was down 11-9 in the 9th. With two out, score tied and bases loaded, Harlan “Steely-eyed” Park – who had two hits earlier – drew a walk for the winning run. Fred Bohle and Dave Kerr had three hits each, with two each for Jim Harbaugh, Mac McNamara and Eli Flam and one each for Irv Salzberg, Paul Williams, Burt Kerr, Lefty Smith and John Strekel. Manager Ray Reed pitched; in a rare play, left fielder Bohle threw out a Bowie hitter at first.

Utopia Film Fest Extends Deadline

As entries continue to arrive, Greenbelt’s Utopia Film Festival 2007, slated for the weekend of October 26 through 28, has extended its deadline for submissions until Friday, August 31. Entry forms and more information can be found at www.utopia-filmfestival.org.

Utopia, a grassroots film festival sponsored by Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and chaired by filmmaker/actor Chris Haley, encourages local filmmakers to submit all types and lengths of cinematic art, including features, documentaries, animation, music videos and experimental works.

“The excitement of meeting and promoting new movie makers never gets old,” said Haley, who has premiered two of his own short films at previous festivals.

Last year’s festival included a number of independent feature-length films and documentaries, including “Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea,” “The Pact” and “Invisible Children.”

This year’s festival will include a new feature: “Docs in Progress,” in which documentary filmmakers will screen unfinished projects and receive audience input on their work.

Utopia 2007 will be held in several venues, including the historic P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Municipal Building, the Greenbelt Arts Center and for the first time, will include a special Saturday evening program at the Beltway Plaza Cinemas.

To download an entry form or to learn more about Utopia 2007, see www.utopiafilmfestival.org or call Greenbelt Access Television, 301-507-6581.



Jazz under the Stars in Roosevelt Center



Saturday, August 25th 7:00 - 10pm - Free

Jazz for Fun
7:00 pm

Alex Martin’s

Amérique Latine Jazz Quartet
8:00 pm

Afterward, the *Jazz* will continue in an open jam on the stage inside the New Deal Café.

In case of rain, the music will move inside the New Deal Café.

This event is produced by the New Deal Café Co-op with help from Public Works and the generous contributions from people like you.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt, and Prince George’s County.

For more
community
events
see page 7.

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:
Greenbelt Elementary
School PTA

Book donation drop-off at
Co-op Supermarket
August 1 to August 31
Large donation pickup
available

For information call:
301-474-2041

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

**Week of Aug. 17
Becoming Jane**
(PG)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5, 7:30

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**Week of August 17
FRI. – SAT.**

The Simpsons Movie, PG (!)

12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

El Cantante, PG-13 (!)

7:30, 10

Daddy Day Camp, PG (!)

12:30, 2:50, 5:20

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3, 4:40, 5:40,

6:45, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30

Underdog, PG (!)

12:45, 3, 5, 7, 9:30

Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13 (!)

12, 2:25, 5, 7:50, 10:20

The Invasion, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:20

Superbad, R (!)

12, 2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:30

SUN. – THUR.

The Simpsons Movie, PG (!)

12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10

El Cantante, PG-13 (!)

8:10

Daddy Day Camp, PG (!)

12:45, 3:15, 5:45

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)

12:45, 1, 3:15, 3:30, 5:45, 6,

8:10, 8:20

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12:30, 3, 5:30, 8

The Invasion, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 3, 5:30, 8

Superbad, R (!)

12:30, 3, 5:30, 8

Underdog, PG (!)

1, 3:30, 6, 8:20

NEW DEAL



Come and check out the new

New Deal Café

Under New Management

Healthy Food • Vegetarian Options

Soup and Entrée Specials

Live Entertainment • Free Wifi

Beer and Wine List • Espresso Drinks

Local Art Gallery

Take Out and Catering

Happy Hour 3-7 p.m.



We were saddened to hear of the death on August 7 of former Greenbelter Jean B. Levesque, age 83, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., and extend condolences to his wife Loretta and children. The Levesque family were long-time residents of Boxwood Village and were involved in St. Hugh's and city activities, especially 4-H, sports, and the News Review.

Our sympathy to Michael Fox of the city's Public Works Department on the death of his brother William Thomas Fox of College Park.

Way to Go Magnolia Elementary School! Students at Magnolia raised \$2,222.66 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the recent Olive Garden restaurant Pasta for Pennies campaign. Students from 11 metropolitan area schools raided piggy banks to drop pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters into classroom collection jars, totaling \$18,188.53 raised in this area. The top fundraising schools, which included Magnolia and schools in Laurel and New Carrollton, were treated to a classroom pasta party served by the Olive Garden.

Happy news from former Greenbelter and News Review staffer Al Geiger, now of Riderwood. On November 10, Al will marry Eleanor Friend of Hyattsville in a ceremony at Riderwood Chapel. Felicitations and best wishes!


Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Auditions Aug. 26-28 For Maryland Chorus

The Maryland Chorus and Music Director William Culverhouse will hold community member auditions on August 26 to 28 at the University of Maryland in College Park. The 2007-08 season will include Choral Collage, October 7; special holiday concerts honoring the Maryland Chorus' 40th anniversary and its founder Paul Traver, December 1 and 2; a spring showcase of choral classics celebrating the legacy of the university's oldest and largest choral ensemble April 6; and Haydn's "The Creation," May 2. Rehearsals and concerts take place at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and the university's Memorial Chapel.

Call 301-405-5571 or email umchoirs@umd.edu to schedule an audition.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Blood Drive on August 23 at Doctors Hosp.

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions Club in partnership with American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road in the DSE room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building. To schedule a time for a donation call 301-552-8060.

Blood is a precious resource for which there is no substitute. With the life span of blood cells as little as five days for platelets and 42 days for red cells, the American Red Cross depends on healthy members of the community to give blood each and every day. Over 1,300 blood donations

are needed daily to supply the needs of patients in the community. Each blood donation can be separated into components and may help three or more sick or injured people.

To be eligible to donate blood people must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Bring some form of positive identification such as a driver's license, blood donor card or work or school ID photo.

It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can give. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.


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by Young Paint Branchers
with Jim Flaherty, worship associate

— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am (Recess in July-Aug.)
Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am


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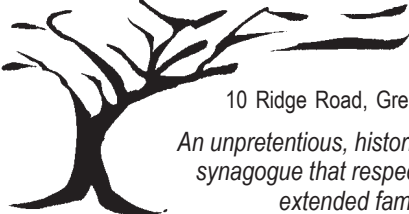


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301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd





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This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

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Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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What did Baha'u'llah teach? (Part 2)
Baha'u'llah claimed that His Divine Mission is to bring about the spiritual rebirth and the unity of mankind. He promised that this would lead to the establishment of permanent world peace and to the Kingdom of God on Earth. Baha'u'llah has attracted millions of adherents from every part of the globe; He has provided laws and teachings on how to realize His vision; and His followers are laboring around the world to bring it about.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
Come visit our booth at the Labor Day Festival!
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us



Hope Fellowship
... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

August 19: Guest Jesse Frame, Australian Christian Ministry
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

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City Information

Meetings for August 20-24

Monday, August 20, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session Re: City Goals - Planning Session at Municipal Building. (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, August 22nd, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session re: Chapter 4 Code Revisions; Encroachment Policy, at the Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS

At its regular meeting of August 13, 2007, the City Council adopted two resolutions to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, these resolutions will be posted in their entirety for 40 days, until September 22, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. Each charter amendment will become effective on October 2, 2007, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is given to provide fair summaries of the two resolutions, as also required by state law.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2007-1

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 31, Titled “Election of Council” to Clarify a Certain Requirement for Holding a Runoff Election: Section 31 of the City Charter lays out a number of situations in which a runoff election would be required to determine which candidates had properly been elected to the City Council. It indicates that if fewer than five candidates receive the required minimum number of votes (equal to 40% or more of the number of voters voting in the election), a runoff must be held. The amendment to the charter specifies that this would apply only if more than five candidates are running. In a case where only five candidates were running, no runoff would be required if not all five receive the minimum number of votes.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2007-2

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . to Empower the City Council to Require Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures Made for the Purpose of Furtherance of or Opposition to Any Ballot Question: Section 21 of the City Charter empowers the City Council to provide for the reporting of contributions and expenditures made either in support of or in opposition to the nomination and election of candidates running for City Council. The amendment to the charter would also allow the City Council to require similar reporting of expenditures for, made in support of or opposition to any issue, principal or proposition submitted to the voters as a ballot question at an election. It is noted that this is enabling legislation only. It does not legislate a requirement for such reporting. It authorizes the Council to require such reporting if Council later chooses to take action to do so.

For additional information, contact Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION OCTOBER 8, 2007

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2007 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be registered to vote in Prince George’s County.

- To register to vote in Prince George’s County, you must:
- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
 - Be at least 18 years of age as of November 6, 2007;
 - Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration;
 - Not have been convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not be currently under sentence or on probation pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime; and
 - Not be under guardianship for mental disability.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George’s County, call 301-430-8020. Forms to be mailed or carried to the county may be downloaded from the Web or picked up at the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road or the public library at 11 Crescent Road. All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 8.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George’s but have moved within the county, you may pick up a “Change of Voter Registration Data” form at the Municipal Building or request one from the county.

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send e-mail to kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

*Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov
for City information, services, and events.*

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Employee Relations Board
Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

**THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING POST OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**
Friday, August 10, 2007 thru
Monday, August 20, 2007
We apologize for any inconvenience.

THE CITY OF GREENBELT’S: Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee will hold
OPEN FORUMS
To receive comments on Public Safety Concerns and Solutions to Improve Public Safety in the Vicinity of Roosevelt Center, Gardenway, and the Spellman Overpass

Tuesday, August 28th at 7:30pm
Greenbriar Terrace Room
7600 Hanover Parkway

Saturday, September 15th at 11:00am
Municipal Building-Council Room
25 Crescent Road

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME TO THESE FORUMS.

Comments may also be e-mailed to
charris@greenbeltmd.gov or dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for a application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under “Boards and Committees.”



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (4-5 Year Olds)

Register now at the Greenbelt Youth Center or through Greenbelt RecLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/reclink.htm

This league is a perfect opportunity for young children to get oriented with the sport of soccer in an atmosphere emphasizing sportsmanship and having fun. Children will be divided into teams based upon their age. Each team will have one practice and one game per week. The season will run for six weeks. Each player will receive a team shirt. All players will also receive a trophy at the conclusion of the season.

When: Wednesday Practices; Saturday Games
(Practices begin Wednesday, September 19)

Where: Braden Field #2 (Outfield Grass)

Fee: Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$50

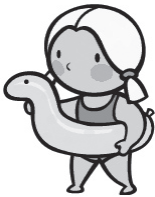
QUESTIONS??

Contact Andrew Phelan, Sports Coordinator.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center FAMILY SWIM NIGHT Friday, August 24th 8-10pm

Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

Admittance to the pool is \$3.00 per family, residents or non-residents. Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of 3 non-family members per group. For more information call 301-397-2204



Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, August 20 at 8pm: City Council Work Session (live) **Tuesday & Thursday, August 21 & 23: 10am & 6pm** “Ask the Expert,” **6:30pm:** ACE Reading Club – Session 3” **7:00pm** “Inside the Frame, Outside the Box,” **8:00pm** Replay of City Council Meeting of 8/20

PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 22 & 24: 7pm “The Zach Sweeney Band” **8:00pm** Out of the Black Box Theater Company presents “Volpone” **9:00pm** GAVA/GATE Animation and “Greenbelt in Focus”

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GAFC indoor pool will be closed for annual cleaning on August 19th at 8:00pm and will re-open August 27th at 6:00am. During this time the outdoor pool will be open weekdays from 6:00am to 10:15pm and weekends from 8:00am to 9:45pm.

The fitness wing will also be closed for cleaning August 21, 22 and 23.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Summer Session III~Adult Water Aerobics Classes ONLY
Session Dates: August 27 – Sept. 21~Register NOW until classes fill. Sorry! No Adult swimming lessons this Session. All lessons will resume in the Fall.

The Greenbelt Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair

Accepting Applications
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt, MD

Deadline to Apply:
October 5

Show Dates:
December 1 and 2

For information, call
Barbara Dickey Davis at
240-542-2062
or visit
www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

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Accommodations will be available for people with disabilities.

Throughout the charrette weekend, designers and architects will be creating sketches and other artwork and architectural drawings to capture the ideas of residents who participate in the discussions. A high level of participation by residents ensures that the recommendations coming out of the charrette reflect the broadest possible views. That's why the theme of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative is "Your Ideas, Our Future."

Friday, September 28

In the afternoon hours of Friday, September 28 a group of designers and architects will be taking a tour of the city. The charrette kicks off with an opening plenary session for all residents at 7 p.m., with an introduction to the forum's process and topics and a panel discussion on the question: "What makes communities sustainable?" The plenary will end at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

On Saturday coffee and light refreshments will be available at 8 a.m. and roundtable discussions on focus topics will take place from 8:30 until 11 a.m. That will be followed by a plenary session (11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and reporting from roundtable discussions.

Saturday's lunch will be provided free to all participants from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and will include a plenary session and a keynote speaker.

After lunch "scenario planning" sessions on focus topics will be held from 2 to 6 p.m., to brainstorm visions of how Greenbelt could evolve in the areas identified by the morning discussions.

Dinner is "on your own," with the dinner break scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Then participants return for a final plenary session and reporting on the scenario-planning discussions.

Sunday, September 30

On Sunday morning coffee and light refreshments will be

What Is A "Charrette"?

Pronounced "shur-ETT," the term is thought to originate from the influential art schools collectively known as the Ecole des Beaux-Arts that existed in Paris in the 19th century. "Charrette" is from the French for "cart" or "chariot" and first referred to student architects still working furiously on last-minute design changes to submit to their professors while being carried in the school cart as it wheeled through Paris on its way to the school.

Today the term "charrette" describes a collaborative planning process that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan that represents transformative community change.

available at 8 a.m. From 8:30 to 9 a.m. "synthesis" topics and teams will be organized. "Synthesis workshops" – as the name indicates, a process of putting ideas together – will be held from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The lunch break will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and then the closing session will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. when a final presentation of recommendations will be made. The charrette will adjourn at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The proposals and recommendations from the Greener Greenbelt charrette will be presented to the GHI Board of Directors for further discussion and future action.

While parents with children are encouraged to attend, they are asked to verify the number and ages of children and when they might attend by sending an email to dcollins@ghi.coop at the GHI office. Be sure to type in "RSVP" in the subject line or it will be viewed as spam.

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received the top honor at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, arguably "the world's biggest science fair," in Albuquerque, N.M.

With 1,500 entries from 51 countries and territories, Li's project on angiogenesis – depicting the growth of new capillaries from existing blood vessels that is essential for tumor growth and metastasis – won first place in his category of Cellular and Molecular Biology. He also won the award for "Best in Category," selected from among the first place winners. Usually there is more than one of these but here Li was the sole first place winner.

As if these distinctions were not enough, Li won two additional awards, one from the National Anti-Vivisection Society and one from the American Physiological Society. That "rest" Li wants to take before he leaves for college is rightfully deserved.

Research Project

Li's research studies how two compounds, thrombospondin-1 and nitric oxide (the former a protein and the latter a dissolved gas, both naturally present in normal cells), regulate the behavior of seven genes involved in the growth of blood vessels (a.k.a. angiogenesis). Angiogenesis is essential for cancer development because the growth of new blood vessels provides the nutrients and means for tumors to grow and spread throughout the body.

Li's project studies patterns of blood vessel regulation as shown in the genes in order to find ways to stop such blood vessel growth. As a result cancer could be stopped from progressing. In his project Li found that both thrombospondin-1 and nitric oxide inhibit blood vessel growth in certain doses. When used together, however, thrombospondin-1 causes nitric oxide to stimulate blood vessel growth.

This finding is important scientifically because it helps clarify the contradictory blood vessel growth responses in the presence of the two compounds. His finding is important in practice because it shows that thrombospondin-1-derived drugs now in development to inhibit cancer can be harmful rather than helpful: thrombospondin-1 in the drugs can mix with the nitric oxide already in cells to stimulate blood vessel growth (as shown in Li's research) and therefore cause cancer to progress more rapidly.

Li became interested in the biomedical sciences at the end of his junior year in high school and the "very long process" of his research, as he calls it, began there. In preparing for his senior year thesis Li began an internship program at NIH. He spent three to four months in the lab at NIH doing experiments on angiogenesis and ultimately submitted a paper on the subject to the Intel Science Talent Search Competition.

Semifinalist

Becoming a semifinalist, Li was encouraged to submit work to the school science fair. He ultimately won grand prizes in both the school and the county science fairs and as a result qualified as a finalist for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

As part of the NIH internship Li was able to choose among various laboratory experiences offered. Looking at the database Li chose to study angiogenesis

because it seemed to him a novel field in treatment. Dr. David Roberts, chief of the biochemical section in the pathology lab, became a mentor for Li and he and Dr. Jeffrey Isenberg of the NIH laboratory would regularly discuss data and provide guidance for Li's experiments.

Achieving Balance

With so much on his plate Li has learned that "it comes down to efficiency" when one is trying to balance school work and research among many other interests. He has come to realize the importance of prioritizing. When he has time Li likes to run in the mornings, play frisbee with his neighbors, read and sleep.

Li is fluent in Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and English. Born in China, he moved to Brazil when he was six years old and then to the United States when he was 12.

He has played violin in the ERHS orchestra, was a member of the All-County Youth Orchestra and became a member of the All-State Senior Youth Orchestra as a junior. In addition he is learning how to play two Chinese instruments: the wooden flute and the erhu (the "Chinese violin").

All the while Li is always looking for more research projects. He is inspired and motivated by the connection between research and its practical applications.

Li's credo is "success results when hard work meets opportunity." He has followed this mantra and is proof that it works. In his junior year Li was one of many first place winners in the Samsung Essay Contest, which gained \$20,000 worth of software and equipment for ERHS.

Prizes

His most recent talents and hard work paid off immensely when he won the prestigious Intel award. It not only provided more than \$60,000 in scholarship money to him but also in his honor gave \$1,000 each to ERHS and the Prince George's County Regional Science Fair Association.

In addition Li won a laptop and will have a newly discovered asteroid named after him as part of the MIT-Ceres Connection at

Lincoln Laboratories. The asteroid is expected to be recorded and published this fall in the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

Recently Li was also honored by County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, receiving a proclamation at a county council session.

Li credits his mentors, Dr. Isenberg of the NIH laboratory, who oversaw his research, and Dr. Roberts of the pathology lab, but is also adamant that he could not have succeeded without the advice and support of his friends, family and teachers. "My success is not due to my efforts alone," he humbly states, "and I want to thank everyone." Hopefully Li will save some credit for himself as he continues his research and academic successes.

After college Li would like to enroll in a joint M.D.-Ph.D. program and one day head a biomedical research lab. "It's ambitious," he says, "but I know I'm ready."

Although excited and scared about going to Harvard, Li is eager to experience the rich academic and social life Harvard offers. He is apprehensive, though, about finding his niche among the "super-talented and world-genius students" he will encounter. As humble as he is, Li may find that he fits right in with the best and the brightest.

Honeybee Lecture At Herb Society

The Prince George's Herb Society will host a Bee Keepers Talk at their next meeting to be held on Thursday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park Nature Center. Pat and Michelle Dundas will give a talk on the mysterious disappearance of honeybees that has stumped the scientific community. Come listen to an informative talk and learn what people can do to help preserve the bee population.

Everyone is welcome. Watkins Regional Park Nature Center is at 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro.

For more information call 301-218-6702.

M-NCPPC Meets on Solid Waste Station

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has scheduled a series of meetings to provide an opportunity for community members to participate in developing the site selection criteria for a solid waste transfer station in the county.

The Prince George's County current refuse landfill at Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro will reach its permitted capacity in 2011. Rather than develop a new landfill, the county has made the decision to develop a transfer facility where refuse would be consolidated and then shipped out of the area.

Criteria identified through this series of public meetings will be used to evaluate and identify candidate sites where such a facility might be located in the county. No location has been selected at this time.

Members of the public are invited to attend one or more of the scheduled meetings to voice their opinions and to suggest criteria for selecting

candidate sites. All meetings will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Dates and locations of the planned meetings are:

August 21 – Prince George's Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover

September 6 – Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale

In addition, a public session to summarize and present the recommendations obtained from the first three meetings will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on September 19 in the County Council Hearing Room, County Administration Building First Floor, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro.

For additional information on the public meetings and the solid waste transfer station study contact Maria Martin (maria.martin@ppd.mncppc.org) or Scott Rowe (brandon.rowe@ppd.mncppc.org) in the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department, Countywide Planning Division at 301-952-3650 or visit <http://www.mncppc.org/pgco/> and link to the Solid Waste Transfer Station Study.



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Friday 12:00 - 2:15

Sunday 2:00 - 4:15

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Mon. - Tues. - Wed.

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Festival Notes

The Hubcaps Are Featured Festival Entertainment

Get out poodle skirts and slick hair back into a perfect DA! The Fabulous Hubcaps, one of the nation's most sought-after oldies show bands, will be the featured music group of Greenbelt's 2007 Labor Day Festival.



Courts in the Labor Day parade the morning of Monday, September 3. For more information call Kathy Kerdock at 301-345-6387.

Be a Shuttle Driver

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee seeks qualified volunteer drivers to operate the shuttle bus system that transports people from remote parking locations to the Labor Day Festival grounds in Roosevelt Center on the holiday weekend from August 31 through September 3.

For more information call Brian York, 301-474-4610 or email laborday@greenbelt.com.

Join the Parade!

Don't stand on the sidelines again this year! Jump in and join the parade! The 53rd Annual Labor Day Parade, a centerpiece of the city's Labor Day Festival weekend, is seeking community groups to join the glorious march down Crescent Road.

Floats, music bands, marching or walking contingents, funny hats and costumes, colorful banners, decorated automobiles – all add joy, entertainment and excitement to the celebration, as well as helping community groups get public exposure for their organizations, issues and events.

Parade information and applications are available at www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Parade.htm or send email to LindaIvy@aol.com.

Call to Photographers

This year, similar to past years, photographers may enter up to two photographs on Friday, August 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center. In addition, this year photographs will also be accepted on Thursday, August 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. to get a head start on preparing for the show.

All work must be original and ready for display. Also new this year, the maximum frame size will be 11 x 14 inches to make the most of the limited space we have.

A new category this year will be "Greener Living in Greenbelt" giving Greenbelters a chance to share their interpretations of people being respectful or appreciative of the earth.

Every year we are impressed and grateful to all of the photographers who choose to share their work with the community. Participants can download a registration form from the website (www.greenbelt.com/laborday) or go to the Greenbelt Library or Community Center to pick one up.

Awards are given in several categories for the photo show. For complete details, pick up a flier at the Greenbelt Community Center and Greenbelt Library or visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will run the entire Labor Day weekend – Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3 in Greenbelt's historic Roosevelt Center, at the intersection of Crescent Road and Southway.

The festival also includes midway rides, art exhibitions, contests, information about community organizations and the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. For more information, go to www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

Princesses Wanted

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant is adding a new, non-competitive program for girls 3 to 6 years old at this year's Labor Day Festival. The "Princess" program will partner each young girl with a Miss Greenbelt contestant. Each "Princess" will receive a tiara, sash, a stage appearance and a photo on the pageant's website, www.missgreenbelt.com. Any 3- to 6-year-old girl can apply to be a princess, regardless of whether or not they reside in Greenbelt. "The princess program is designed to foster leadership, mentorship and fellowship," explained Natasha Jewell, coordinator of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant.

To register for the princess program visit www.missgreenbelt.com. There is a registration fee. All proceeds will benefit the Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665.

Convertibles Needed

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant is looking for convertibles to drive the Queens and their

Community Events

GHI Taxes to Increase, Input Session Set

Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. are invited to a special member-input session to express their concerns and priorities on the 2008 budget at 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 23 in the GHI board room in the administration building on Hamilton Place.

"There are growing demands upon the cooperative," said GHI President Sylvia Lewis. The two expenses that will have the biggest impact on the 2008 budget are the need to add more items to the Replacement Reserve Fund for the long-term health of the homes and a 250 percent increase in the 2007 Maryland state-appraised value of GHI property.

The tax increase guarantees a 10 percent-per-year increase in property taxes each year for the foreseeable future. GHI is appealing the appraisal but the increase is so large that it is unlikely the cooperative will be able to bring the increase below the 10 percent cap on assessments.

GHI receives 76 separate tax bills that cover 1,600 GHI residences, common areas and woodlands. Property appraisals are conducted every three years and the increases are phased in over the next three-year period. In 2001 the state appraised GHI shared property at a little over \$90 million. GHI appealed the ruling and was able to reduce the assessment to \$80.75 million. In 2004 the assessment was approximately \$84.27 million. This year, the state appraised the value of GHI property at \$250 million.

Members need to be aware that in January 2008 there will be a significant increase in the tax portion of monthly co-op fees. In early December all members will be informed of their individual tax and other monthly charges for the coming year.

GHI members unable to come to the August 23 member input session can attend board meetings in September or October to express their views on the budget.

Roosevelt Center Site for Jazz under Stars

Roosevelt Center will be the scene for a free outdoor concert with two groups, *Amérique Latine* and *Jazz for Fun* at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 25. Opening for *Amérique Latine* at 7 p.m. is *Jazz for Fun*, a straight-ahead jazz duo with George Oakley on alto sax and clarinet and Nick Lipkowski on guitar.

At 8 p.m. the music of Alex Martin's *Amérique Latine* will blend sounds from the members' native and ancestral lands – France, Brazil and Palestine – with those of the country they now call home: the United States. Guitarist and composer Alex Martin was born in Rennes, capital of Brittany, France's Celtic province. Vocalist Lena Seikaly's parents are from Palestine.

Brothers Leonardo and Alejandro Lucini (bass and drums, respectively) are natives of the Copacabana neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Together the four recently recorded a CD "Nostalgia for Terra Incognita" due for release late summer or early fall. On the CD and in live performance they perform a mix of Martin's compositions and standards by or associated with Cole Porter, Theolonious Monk, Caetano Veloso,



Alex Martin of *Amérique Latine*

Billy Strayhorn and Edith Piaf.

An open jam rounds out the evening, beginning at 10 p.m., with jazz inside on the New Deal Café stage. The New Deal Café is located at 113 Centerway and can be called at 301-474-5642. The website is at www.newdeal-cafe.com

This concert is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts and is made possible by support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

BCWWG Holds Bird Walk and Meeting

On Sunday, August 19 Michel Cavigelli will lead a bird walk from 7 to 9 a.m. to look for late summer residents and early fall migrants. Meet at the gate on Research Road at the top of the hill. Cavigelli needs to leave at 9 so the group will leave promptly at 7.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will be on Tuesday, August 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multimedia room of the Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. On the agenda are a discussion of the Labor Day Festival, staffing the BCWWG

table at Information Day and developments with the Intercounty Connector and Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. There will also be a speaker on the upcoming Greener Greenbelt Initiative charrette. The Initiative, for which the charrette is the primary input tool for visioning and planning, is a process to think and plan on how to get to Old Greenbelt's 100th anniversary in a sustainable way that will help make Old Greenbelt a better place to live, work and play. The group will also discuss projects for the next year and areas to focus BCWWG efforts. Everyone is invited to attend and participate!

Get active in your local community!



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

IT'S BUDGET PREP TIME

You are invited to join the
Board and Finance Committee on
Thursday, August 23, 2007
8:00 P.M. – GHI Board Room

Attend this important meeting to find out about the challenges
facing GHI that will have a substantial financial impact
upon our cooperative.

Your ideas and suggestions are encouraged as we begin the 2008
budget preparation process.

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poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola) and rubella (German measles). Preschoolers may need additional immunizations. Newly enrolled pre-kindergartners through first graders also need a lead screening certificate.

Proof of residency in Prince George’s County could include a deed or an apartment rental contract. The importance of bringing the student’s last report card was also emphasized as the courses taken and grades received can help place the child quickly in the appropriate classroom.

Attendance

State law requires school attendance for every child between the ages of five and 16. All children in the State of Maryland are required to attend kindergarten or an alternative program. A law passed several years ago lowered the age of compulsory school attendance to five years of age. It also requires that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade. The law permits some exemptions. Five-year-olds may be enrolled in a child care center or Head Start or home school program. When appropriate a child may be granted a one-year level-of-maturity waiver.

A parent or guardian of a child who attended an alternative program must register the child for first grade prior to the opening of school in the school year in which the child becomes six years old and must provide documentation showing proof of attendance in the alternate setting. Documentation includes the date the child was enrolled and the number of days the child was absent.

A six-year-old child who moves into Maryland who has not had a kindergarten experience may be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade. The local school system will determine the appropriate grade placement.

Meal Prices

Lunch prices have not changed this year. Elementary school children’s lunch will cost \$1.75. Lunch for middle and high schoolers is \$1.85. Reduced price lunches are 40 cents for all grades. Breakfast in elementary schools is \$1.10; in middle and high schools it is \$1.25. Reduced price breakfast is 30 cents. Milk is 40 cents. Adult meals are priced a la carte. Some children may qualify for free milk. All prices are subject to change.

Children will be bringing home information about free or reduced cost lunches close to the first day of school.

Expulsion Policy

Strict standards will continue to be upheld for drug, alcohol and weapons (including knives) abuse. Students need to be aware that none of these may be brought to school at any time and that expulsion will result should the rule be broken. According to the Code of Student Conduct, students will be expelled for the first offense involving the use or possession of weapons.

For incidents involving drugs or alcohol, students will be expelled for the first offense involving distribution and the second offense involving possession. Most of these students are not eligible for re-admission to a Prince George’s County school until the following fall semester. They must also present documentation of satisfactory participation in an alcohol/drug treatment program. Should a child bring a loaded weapon to

school, the parent will be prosecuted under state law.

Extracurricular

High school students need to have a 2.0 or better grade point average in order to participate in extracurricular sports or activities. Averages will be computed quarterly.

Medication Policy

The Department of Health and Human Services within Prince George’s County Public Schools, acting on a recommendation from the State of Maryland, changed school policy several years ago regarding the dispensing of prescription and non-prescription medicine to students.

No medicines will be given to students without a physician’s medication authorization form PS-51 or PS51-EIPEN. Forms are available at all schools. All medications will be kept in the health room and not taken to the child’s classroom.

Parents are asked to inform the school principal, health services staff and the classroom teacher of any known allergy or serious health problem their child(ren) may have. Every effort will be made to protect all students from injury and to provide a healthy environment.

Students will be transported by ambulance to the nearest medical facility should they require emergency treatment that cannot be provided at the school site. Parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Websites

All schools in Greenbelt have a website (see box for website addresses). Some are more detailed than others and, as of mid-August, most had not been updated to reflect the new school year. Some schools have a list of needed school supplies on their sites.

The Prince George’s County school system has an elaborate website (www.pgcps.org) containing general information about the school system as well as detailed information on bus schedules, policy issues, future plans, school board meetings and agendas and information about individual schools in the system.

The most popular site at the county level is a listing of lunch menus for an entire month. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to access their school website. Greenbelters without children in school may want to access this site to learn more about the school system and its philosophy and activities.

One particularly useful service available to parents is an email notification that is issued if schools close early for any reason. Parents can find this service on the parents page under weather-related closings.

Emergency Closings

When schools must be closed, opened later than usual or closed early because of weather or other emergency conditions, an announcement will be made over all Washington area radio and TV stations. In order to keep telephone lines open for emergency calls, parents are requested not to call the schools, central office or radio stations. When schools are closed early, bus transportation will be available for those students who are bused.

Bus Schedules

Since school bus schedules have been computerized, the school system has been unable to provide Greenbelt bus schedules

to the News Review. Elementary school students are considered “walkers” if they live within 1.5 miles of school; the radius for middle school and high school students is two miles. For more information call the school system Department of Transportation at 301-952-6570.

Volunteer at School

Volunteers help enhance education for students in the Prince George’s County school system. Parents, students, neighbors, friends, business and government employees, crafts people, retirees and anyone who has time to share is invited to be a volunteer.

Volunteer activities include tutoring children individually or in small groups; aiding teachers in reading, mathematics, handwriting, science, English as a Second Language or any area of interest or sharing skills and talents, job expertise or life experience, as special resources for classroom instruction.

The volunteer could assist staff in the school office, media center, health room or cafeteria. Those unable to travel to a school could volunteer to help from home by making instructional materials, typing, making displays and many other activities.

Contact the local school to offer assistance.

County Dress Code

Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary Schools and Greenbelt Middle School require uniforms this year. Other Greenbelt schools will follow Prince George’s County dress code requirements:

- A headdress can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only.
- Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire mid-section should be covered. There can be no tank tops or muscle shirts; no clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drug/alcohol products; and no see-through clothing.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts and spandex skirts should be approximately six inches below the buttocks or not shorter than fingertip level.
- Pants should be secured at the waist – no sagging below the waist to expose undergarments.
- Tights, stretch pants, leggings and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks.
- Shoes must be worn.

St. Hugh’s School Opens September 4

Tuesday, September 4 is the day classes begin at St. Hugh’s school. This is a change from previous years when the school opened before Labor Day.

School hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a noon dismissal on the first day of school only. This is also a change from previous years. Uniforms are required from the first day of school.

St. Hugh’s school is comprised of grades kindergarten to eight with before and after school care. Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 p.m.

The school has a website at <http://www.sthughs.com/school/index.html>. A few openings may still be available in most grades.

For more information call the school at 301-474-4071.

Local Schools Times, Websites

Greenbelt Elementary – Opens 9:15 a.m., Closes 3:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~gbeltes/

Magnolia Elementary – Opens 9:15 a.m., Closes 3:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~magnolia/

Springhill Lake Elementary – Opens 8:15 a.m., Closes 2:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~spring/

Greenbelt Middle – Opens 9 a.m., Closes 3:40 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~gbms/

Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Opens 8:30 a.m., Closes 3:10 p.m.
<http://eroosevelths.pgcps.org/>

County Provides Rules and Regulations

by Mary Moien

The Prince George’s County Public Schools has provided information on grading, school absences and participation in extracurricular activities.

Student Grading Policy

Grades are based on: 1) Competence as determined by tests, examinations and teacher evaluation and by demonstration of meeting performance objectives; 2) the completion of assignments as determined by the quality of work done, the regularity with which they are turned in and punctuality in performing them; 3) participation in the day-to-day activities of the class; 4) daily work habits in the classroom; and 5) attendance.

Children in grades 2 to 12 receive letter grades in all classes and courses taken for credit except where other means of evaluation have been authorized.

All first graders (and some second graders) will have their progress assessed through use of the numeral 1, to indicate satisfactory progress and the numeral 2, to indicate that the student needs more time to master a skill.

Parents of students who are not making satisfactory progress will receive notice of that situation midway through each grading period.

Attendance Critical

Students who are unlawfully absent receive a zero (0) for that day’s work and the zero is averaged with other daily grades. Unlawfully absent students are not given make-up work to offset the zero grade.

In addition, in grades 9 to

12 a student who is unlawfully absent five or more days per semester course or 10 or more days per full-year course will receive no grades or credits.

Students in grades 9 to 12 may be lawfully absent but are required to make up the work missed in a timely manner. Failure to make up missed work will result in zero grades for missing assignments.

Extracurricular Activity

In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, students in grade 9 through 12 must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 for each grading quarter preceding the start or continuation of their participation in the activities.

Students who do not maintain the 2.0 grade point average are excluded from participation in any extracurricular activity. Participation – regardless of the activity – is prohibited beginning on the date the new report card is issued, as scheduled in the Board of Education school calendar.

The exclusion remains in effect until the student attains the required 2.0 quarter grade point average and becomes eligible to participate in a subsequent quarter’s extra-curricular activities.

Extracurricular activities are defined as all activities except those for which student participation is necessary to receive a grade in a specific course in which the student is currently enrolled.

The 2.0 policy applies to all high school students with the exception of individual special education students who have been exempted.

Middle School Students Must Wear Uniforms

by Mary Moien

On June 12 Greenbelt Middle School Principal Judy Austin notified parents that “It is official! Greenbelt Middle School has adopted a Mandatory School Uniform Policy beginning the first day of the 2007-2008 school year.”

Austin said that school officials believe that the “proposed mandatory uniform policy will reduce distractions and disruptions caused by clothing, make economic disparities between students less obvious, promote student achievement and create an orderly learning environment.” The proposed mandatory uniform policy is seen as an important step toward achieving Goal 4 of the Prince George’s County Public School’s Master Plan: “All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free and conducive to learning.”

Girls’ Uniforms

Beginning with the first school day – August 20 – students will

be required to wear school uniforms while on the school campus and on school-sponsored trips.

Girls may wear white or black, collared, long or short sleeved polo shirts or a white long or short sleeved oxford shirt. Khaki tan long pants or pleated or A-line knee-length skirts are required. Pants may be worn with a black or white belt. Black or white socks or tights are allowed. Stockings or knee highs are not approved.

Boys’ Uniforms

The boys will have the same uniform top selection as the girls. Pants will be straight legged and khaki tan only and worn with a solid black or brown belt. Black or white socks will be worn.

Both boys and girls may wear an approved solid gray pull-over sweatshirt.

Approved foot apparel for both boys and girls includes solid black standard uniform shoes (with laces tied) or solid black

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

August 2, 7:30 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he was waiting at a bus stop when he was approached by two young men who demanded his backpack while removing it from his hands. Both young men then fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 6' to 6'2", 150 to 170 pounds with black hair and wearing blue jeans. One wore a white T-shirt and the other wore a white muscle-type T-shirt.

August 6, 11:48 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was standing outside an apartment building when he was approached by two young men. One of the men punched him in the face, knocking him to the ground. The suspects took the man's cell phone and fled the area on foot. The suspects were described as two black males in their 20s, both of average height and build with brown eyes and brown hair and wearing black clothing.

August 9, 9:05 p.m., the pathway between Beltway Plaza and Breezewood Drive, two victims reported that as they were walking along the path between the rear parking lot and Breezewood Drive, they were approached by four men, one armed with a semi-automatic handgun which he kept to his side. One of the men demanded the victims' money. Once they got the money, they fled on foot toward the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. The suspects were described as four black males, one of whom was wearing an orange T-shirt.

Assault

August 4, 3:39 p.m., 6700 block Lake Park Drive. A resident man was arrested and charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, use of a handgun during the commission of a violent crime, carrying a handgun and disorderly conduct. A man reported that he and the suspect were engaged in a verbal dispute near the entrance of Greenbelt Lake Village. During the verbal altercation, the suspect went to

his trunk and retrieved a handgun and threatened to shoot the man. He then fled the scene in his vehicle. He was located near his residence and positively identified by the victim. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 4, 5:05 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Terrace, a 17-year-old resident youth was arrested for second-degree assault after she allegedly stabbed an acquaintance in the hand during a verbal dispute. The acquaintance declined treatment for a minor cut to his hand. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Reckless Endangerment

August 7, 11:11 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) fired several shots from a firearm at an apartment residence. No one was injured.

Burglaries

August 3, 9:34 a.m., 7800 block Belle Point Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

August 8, 8:57 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags 8CJA82 from Greenway Center; a white 1994 Dodge Caravan Sport, D.C. tags CC3922 from Beltway Plaza; a 2000 Chrysler Grand Voyager from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a silver 1991 BMW 318IS 2-door, Maryland tags 3DEP68 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Four vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and one by an outside police department. No arrests were made in any recovery.

Thefts from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 8200 block Canning Terrace, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, Ridge Road at Westway, Hamilton Place, 6500 and 6600 blocks Lake Park Drive, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 6000 block Springhill Drive and 9100 block Springhill Lane.

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has there been an increase, a very significant 20 percent. Forcible rape was down by 8 percent, robbery by 14 percent and aggravated assault by 14 percent. Overall, in the four categories of crimes against persons, the first quarter 2007 figures were down by seven percent. In Greenbelt, the decrease reported was 37 percent.

Most significant of the Greenbelt statistics was the 41 percent drop in robberies reported for the first three months. While Greenbelt crime overall has been dropping since 2004, robberies continued to increase each year through 2006, as reported in previous News Review stories.

Chief James Craze cautioned in June that crime rates tended to fluctuate in the short run and that another quarter could experience a significant increase. However, the drop in robberies and crimes against persons has continued to be the case for the first six months of the year as well.

The Maryland Uniform Crime Report follows one other crime category not reported by Greenbelt Police – that of arson. In the first three months, the number of arson reports decreased by 31 percent statewide. For Prince George's County, whose Fire Department maintains this data, the number increased from 70 to 71.

Counties

The Quarterly Maryland Uniform Crime Report does not provide data on individual cities, but does break down statistics by counties. While Prince George's overall crime rate for the first quarter dropped over 8 percent, better than the state's record, the 11,819 Class I crimes reported made it the leading Maryland jurisdiction for the commission of crimes. In comparison, the City of Baltimore reported 9,275 crimes, Baltimore County 7,102, Montgomery County 5,570 and Anne Arundel County 4,694.

Prince George's, like the state, experienced decreased crime in every category except murder. The 38 murders reported in the county in the first quarter of 2007 was 12 more than for the same period in 2006. For this crime Baltimore City reports the highest number – 71.

The county also experienced a significant drop in robberies committed, down 18 percent, but not as significant as the 41 percent drop in Greenbelt.

Another statistic compiled by Maryland is that of carjackings. Statewide carjackings decreased by 8 percent. In Prince George's County, that crime dropped by 17 percent for the first quarter. However, the 104 committed represented almost half of all carjackings reported throughout the state.

Bureaus

Park attended the "Managing School Violence" conference offered by the Maryland Association of School Resource Offices at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Attendees learned about the evolving protocols for active shooter scenarios (such as at Virginia Tech), characteristics of persons likely to perform random acts of violence and ways to engage and prevent this behavior and the presence of gangs in Prince George's County and the state.

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have been approved for Pulte Homes and Fairfield at Greenbelt. A conceptual site plan for the North Core was approved by the County Council in June 2006. In March 2007 council met with representatives of Petri Ross Ventures and were advised of a developer interest in undertaking the project.

County Action

[Not reported was action by the Prince George's County Council on July 23 to approve a detailed site plan for construction of 302 multifamily dwelling units at Fairfield at Greenbelt on six acres of land. The approval was subject to numerous conditions. Approval was granted for three separate buildings with a mix of 156 one-bedroom apartments, 122 two-bedroom apartments and 24 three-bedroom apartments. Because the buildings will be close to the CSX Railroad tracks, approval was conditioned upon the buildings being constructed to achieve certain measurable noise reduction levels.

Also in the South Core, some grading work has begun near Branchville Road and construction of a bridge over Branchville Road to intersect Greenbelt Road has begun with the installation of some steel supports. Greenbelt Road will be the southern terminus for a new road through both the South Core and the North Core referred to by planners as the North-South Connector Road.]

2. Playground Agreement: Funding was provided and plans are underway to build two playgrounds during this fiscal year. One, located near Canning Terrace, will be built with city-obtained Program Open Space grant funds. The other, at South Ora Court, will utilize KaBoom and Windsor Green assistance.

3. Greenbelt East Traffic Calming Study: Work to effectuate this city report is now complete, according to McLaughlin, except for the last work on Ora Glen Drive.

4. Gardenway/Overpass Situ-

ation: McLaughlin reports that police presence for this area, where there have been some recent crime incidents, has been enhanced. The Crime Prevention officer has met with the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch group. A meeting was also held with the chairs of the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee.

5. Theater Remodeling/operation: Remodeling plans were submitted to the county for permit review in March 2007.

6. Public Works Facility: Discussions are underway with a contractor with the hope that the firm can meet the city's and the project's needs. If successful, a proposal could come before council in September.

Cameras

7. Roosevelt Center Cameras: The city hopes that a selected vendor can complete the work by Labor Day.

8. Newspaper Vending Boxes: Greenbelt City Solicitor Robert Manzi has prepared an agreement to be used by the city and other municipalities. Staff is attempting to schedule a meeting with newspaper representatives.

9. Springhill Lake Redevelopment Plans: The Prince George's Planning Board has indefinitely delayed consideration of the project's plans pending resolution of the issue of school location, replacement and addition as a result of the proposed doubling of the number of residential units to be located in Springhill Lake following redevelopment.

10. Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference to be held in Greenbelt: McLaughlin reports that the program for the conference has been set and that an article published in the Municipal League's magazine featured Greenbelt. Staff are working with Goddard Space Flight Center on a reception to be held there. Tours of Greenbelt have been added to the program.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

City Notes

The planning department submitted a Program Open Space Project Development application for the Canning Terrace Playground Upgrade project to the state; continued to work on locating various plans for the Greener Greenbelt Initiative steering committee; and welcomed Jessica Gouff, a new animal control officer.

Street maintenance crew made repairs on Ridge Road to the swale past the police station and filled it with stone.

Recreation staff met with a representative from MUSCO Lighting to discuss the Braden Field Tennis court resurfacing/lighting project.

Arts staff relocated to the museum curator's office to accom-

modate window renovations.

Community Center staff reports that the August 3 camp staff show raised over \$1,200 for the 2008 camp scholarship fund. There were 200 people in attendance for the show.

CARES

Amanda Carter, a first-year graduate student from Howard University School of Social Work, will be working in the GAIL program providing outreach and case management services to seniors for the 07-08 academic year.

Liz Park, as president of Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus, met with Delegate Tawanda Gaines and Earl Adams, deputy chief of staff to the lieutenant governor, to discuss future funding for Youth Services

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Thursday, August 23 from 10 to 4 p.m.
at Doctors Community Hospital
Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.



Watering Trees . . . A Good Way to Mitigate Drought

by Kathleen Bucco, NPS Ranger and Greenbelt Resident

NASA has identified three main contributors to drought: land and sea surface temperatures that impact large air masses, atmospheric circulation patterns and soil moisture content.

There's not much anyone can do about the first two but the third is something people can control to some extent. Generally if soils are wet, much of the sun's heat is used to evaporate water, so temperatures are cooler and there is more precipitation, keeping soil moist. Conversely, dry soil gets warmer and drier, beginning a chain of events leading to a drought.

Impervious

As more and more hard surfaces like roofs, sidewalks and streets cover the land, more rain goes into storm drains to be rushed to the ocean rather than into the ground. Trees, where their roots are allowed access to the ground surface and are not boxed or paved over, will capture rain as it falls and release it back into the air through the leaves during photosynthesis, in this way holding temperatures down in the air and, by shading the ground, slowing water loss. In addition, trees trap carbon dioxide. When leaves are present, trees break the wind that dries soil. Deciduous trees to the south of a home cut air conditioning needs, thus preventing pollution and saving money. Watering trees becomes a practical use of water that might mitigate, at least locally, drought conditions.

To water trees keep in mind tree roots are shallow for the most part, spreading out from the trunk sometimes well beyond the branches. Water deeply (12") and slowly. Some ways to do this are to punch holes in a container like a bucket or large can and set these around the base of the tree. Fill them with water and let the water leak out slowly. A soaker hose coiled over the root system is another method. Water as far out as the branches at a rate of 10-15 gallons per inch of trunk diameter. Water in the morning. Pile mulch a couple of inches thick over soaker hoses and around drip cans or buckets.

Water small trees (less than 3" in diameter) four times a month April through September. Medium trees (4-8") should be watered three times a month. Large trees 10" or larger should be watered two times a month (www.watersaver.org). Keep in mind tree roots continue to grow through winter and if there is no snow pack or rain, watering may be continued into the winter on warm days.

Don't wait until trees are wilting, curling at the edges or yellowing to water. Don't dig holes around the tree to water deeply as this just dries the roots more. Watering at ground level is more efficient than sprayers that wet leaves. Watering evergreen trees during the summer may help trees survive drying winter winds.

Filing Deadline for Council Candidates Is September 24

On Tuesday, November 6, Greenbelt citizens will elect the five members of the city council who will represent them for the next two years. Greenbelt residents who want to run for city council, sign a petition for someone to run for council or vote in the election must be registered to vote in Prince George's County. Since universal voter registration began in Greenbelt in 1991 the city has not maintained a separate voter registration list.

Candidacy for Council

Any qualified voter of the city wishing to run for council may do so by submitting the following forms:

1. Nomination Petition – This form requires the signature of at least 50 registered voters of the city and must be signed by the circulator of the petition and notarized. The signatures should give the petitioner's proper name (e.g. Mary Doe or Mrs. John Doe) and address.
2. Acceptance of Nomination – This form notes that the nominee agrees to serve, if elected. It must be filed along with the nomination petition and an affidavit containing a sworn statement providing the candidate's name, date of birth, Social Security number and resident address.
3. Financial Disclosure Statement – This form lists business entities and real estate interests held by the nominee and family and sources of specified income or debt. The statement covers the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Candidates

who have had changes in their financial status are required to file a supplemental report for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2007. The filing period starts Monday, August 20.

The deadline for filing to be a candidate in the November 6 regular election is Monday, September 24 at 5 p.m.

The city clerk verifies that nomination petitions meet the requirement of the city charter. A drawing will be held by the Board of Elections in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. to determine the order in which names shall be placed on the ballot. This meeting is open to the public. Candidates, their families, supporters and interested citizens may attend to witness the draw.

Election of Council

The five candidates with the highest number of votes cast will be elected if each receives votes amounting to at least 40 percent of the number of people voting in the election. Otherwise a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, November 13. A runoff has not been necessary in more than 20 years.

Greenbelt does not have provisions for election of the mayor by the electorate. At the swearing-in ceremony on the Monday following the election the newly elected council will elect the mayor and mayor pro tem. Traditionally, the new council has elected the highest vote-getter to be mayor for the ensuing two-year term.

Voter Registration For City Election

Registering to vote is the first step to qualify either to run for office or to vote for a candidate in the November 6 city council regular election. Although the county Board of Elections will handle all registrations, registration forms may be picked up during regular office hours at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or at the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road. Voters may call the Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request a form by mail, or print one from the web at <http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/application.html>.

All completed forms must be received by the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4 p.m. on October 8. Residents may also register to vote at Motor Vehicle Administration offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Ave., Suite 108, Upper Marlboro from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Qualifications

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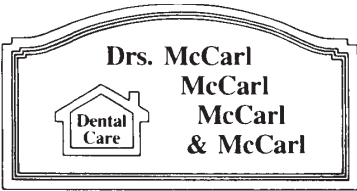


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ACE Reading Club Plans Include Fun and Learning

by Liz Murray, Program Coordinator

Welcome Back! ACE hopes everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to a great school year with the ACE Reading Club, a free reading incentive program offered by the City of Greenbelt. This year ACE will visit Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School and is pleased to welcome back St. Hugh's School.

Club Meetings

The ACE Reading Club will host club meetings at all the schools. Club meetings will include reading-related games, arts and crafts, shared reading, creative writing, book discussions, taping ACE Reading Club television programs featuring students and more. Students will have opportunities throughout the year to be taped for the City of Greenbelt's cable channel 71 and will be featured on the shows presenting their book reviews and other reading-related projects.

The ACE Reading Club will host two writing contests for students in grades 3 through 12. For students in grades 3 through 5 there will be a poem and short story contest and for students in grades 6 through 12 there is the annual creative writing contest featuring poetry and short fiction. In addition to contests, students will have the opportunity to submit their original poetry, short stories, essays, comics and artwork for Greenbelt Voices, the

ACE Reading Club literary magazine just for kids!

Reading Bash

Mark calendars now for NEA's Read Across America on March 2. The ACE Reading Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Artful Afternoon are teaming up to bring Greenbelt the biggest reading bash they've ever seen. Make an art project, play acting games, meet a sports celebrity, enjoy storytime, dress like a favorite Dr. Seuss character and more. Watch the ACE Reading Club website and newsletter and local newspapers for more details as the event draws near.

Participate in May in the Annual Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase which will feature students reading winning entries from the ACE writing contests and other selected works from the Greenbelt Voices literary magazine. Don't miss Greenbelt's finest youth writers.

If all that isn't enough reading fun, keep reading the newsletter and check out the ACE website to see students' book reviews and artwork in print. Don't forget the Pen Pal program with students in Kodiak Island Alaska. High school students can earn service learning hours by volunteering with the ACE Reading Club.

For more information or to register children for this free reading incentive program, call Liz Murray, program coordinator at 301-345-6660 or email lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

School Board Meets Thursday, August 23

The Prince George's County Board of Education will have its first meeting of the 2007-2008 school year on Thursday, August 23 in the Board Meeting Room of the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro at 7:05 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. During board meetings participants may speak for three minutes on a topic of their choice. They must register with the Board Office at 301-952-6308 by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

County to Fully Fund Budget for Schools

The Prince George's County Executive announced his decision to fully fund the Board of Education's \$1.68 billion Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget Request during his overall budget presentation.

The Board of Education's FY08 Requested Annual Operating Budget included a 12.7 percent increase in funding to allow the school system to maintain effective programs and services, improve teaching and learning and fund the goals of the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan.

Volunteers Needed To Help Children

The office of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Inc. is recruiting volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in Prince George's County. CASA provides training and supervision to volunteers who spend time getting to know the children and what is in their best interests. Volunteers also collaborate with teachers, social workers and attorneys to ensure that the child's needs are addressed. CASA volunteers present their recommendations about the children's needs to the court.

CASA/Prince George's County is now accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed and urged to apply.

For more information visit the CASA website at www.pgCasa.org or call 301-209-0491.

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Income Guidelines For School Lunches

The Prince George's County Public School system has announced revised income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-price meals for the coming school year. Meals include lunch in all schools and breakfast in those schools where it is served. Household size and income determine eligibility.

A child in a family or household of two would be eligible for a free meal if the household's current annual income is below \$17,797. For each additional family member, \$4,524 is added to this figure to compute eligibility. To be eligible for a reduced-price meal, a family of two must have an income of less than \$15,327 with \$6,438 added for each additional member of a family. Reduced-price lunch is 40 cents and breakfast, where available, is 30 cents.

This year some families have already been directly certified by mail for free or reduced meals. For others, new application procedures have gone into effect. Detailed guidelines on the program and the new procedures are available at each public school. Information should also be sent home with each child the first day of school.

For more information call 301-952-6580 or for the hearing impaired, through the Maryland Relay at 1-800-735-2258.

Schools Are Available For Community Use

Public school facilities are available to nonprofit community groups and organizations for use after school hours. The use of classrooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, cafeterias and conference rooms is not only allowed by the school system but encouraged.

Initial contact should be made at the desired school office to request the facilities and to determine if they are available at the desired time. Any custodial or rental fees must be paid in advance. Nominal fees have been set by the Board of Education.

Foreign Students Register with ISGO

by Mary Moien

All foreign-born students, K through 12 and evening high school who are in the following categories are required to enroll through the International Student Guidance Office (ISGO) before being admitted to their local schools: all students who are not U.S. citizens; all U.S. citizens whose primary language is not English; and all students whose transcripts are from a foreign country.

Students in pre-K may register directly at their boundary school if a program is available. School registrars will then forward the registration information to the ISGO for recording.

The family (or school personnel assisting the family) should call the ISGO at 301-445-8460 to schedule an appointment before going to that office. This procedure will ensure that the family has all necessary documents to register and that a counselor will be available to complete the registration. The ISGO will provide students with any other necessary registration papers.

Foreign-born students already enrolled in a Prince George's County public school may transfer from one county school to another without going through the ISGO. If a transferring student is currently enrolled in the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program, the original school should call the ESOL Office at 301-445-8450 with the student's new address and ask for the name of the appropriate transfer school.

The ISGO is located at the Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center, 8908 Riggs Road, Adelphi.

Substitutes Needed For Elementary School

Greenbelt Elementary School is looking for potential substitute teachers. Individuals who enjoy working with children, would like a flexible part-time schedule and are dependable may call Suzanne Plogman at 301-908-1316.

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tennis shoes. Black boots can be worn in the winter.

Austin emphasized the professional appearance of the students. "Students must come to school dressed in full uniform. A full uniform consists of an approved top, bottom, shoes and accessories. All pants must be appropriately sized to eliminate any bagging or sagging. Cargo pockets and Capri-style pants are prohibited. A belt must be worn if belt loops are on the garment. No visible label or logo on any article of clothing is allowed."

CEO Deasey to Spend First Day in Greenbelt

CEO John Deasey plans to be at Greenbelt Middle School on the first day of school, Monday, August 20. He is expected to be at the school at 11 a.m.

Earlier Deasey and Governor Martin O'Malley are scheduled to be at DuVal High School at 10 a.m.

Administrator Named New ERHS Principal

Reginald McNeill, an administrator at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been selected as the school's new principal. Deb Tasky, president of the high school's PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) says she is "excited" to work with McNeill, who fully supports the PTSA and values parent input. The PTSA is planning a Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

McNeill has met with school superintendent Dr. John Deasy but still needs the formal approval of the board of education to make the appointment official. The next board meeting is on August 23.

Sylvester Conyers, the former principal, has been named to head the High School Consortium which oversees all county high schools.

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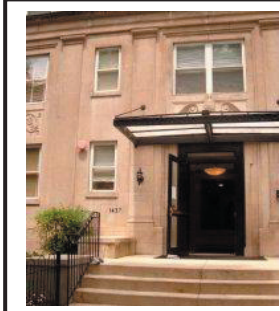
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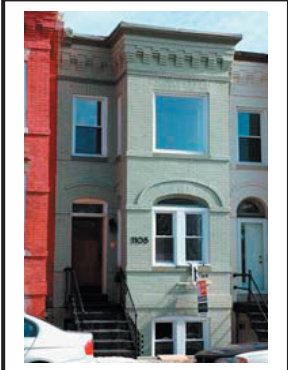
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Your Greenbelt Specialists



WANTED for ATM Robberies



The man shown on the right, above, is wanted for a series of ATM robberies in Greenbelt. He displayed a knife during each of the four robberies which occurred on the following dates, times and locations: July 1, 4:45 p.m. at the Bank of America, 7595 Ora Glen Drive; July 27, 11:30 p.m. at the Bank of America, 7595 Ora Glen Drive; July 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Bank of America, 7595 Ora Glen Drive; and August 1, 10:50 p.m. at the Beltway Plaza Mall Bank of America in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The man sought is described as a black male, 5'11" to 6'2", with a thin to medium build. Anyone having any information is asked to contact Detective Bladzinski at 240-542-2134.

35 Citizens Train for Neighborhood Watch

by Robin Everly

Possibly the recent reports of petty and violent crimes in Old Greenbelt is what brought out these residents to attend the Tuesday, July 31 meeting of the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group. The meeting held at the Greenbelt Police Station was standing room only. Jesse Ferguson, the group's meeting facilitator, said "the attendance was amazing." Thirty-five Greenbelters received training to participate in the program. This neighborhood watch group is one of four in the city with the other three being Greenwood Village Crime Watch, Hunting Ridge Neighborhood Watch and Windsor Green Neighborhood Watch.

The meeting began with the required training to participate in a neighborhood watch patrol by Greenbelt Master Police Officer George Mathews. Mathews first did a quick review of personal safety rules one should follow when going to one's car or just out and about in an area. Practical, yet often forgotten advice when in a hurry is having the car keys out when walking to the car or opening the car windows only after one is on the open road, not while sitting in a parking lot. Keep the gas tank full and know where neighborhood gas stations are located. Know alternative routes to and from work. Remember you can control how closely you pull up to another car at stoplights. Give yourself some room.

Mathews reminded the audience to follow their intuition and if something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Create a "bubble of awareness" around you at all times and be aware of what's going on. He recommended

some sort of anti-theft device be used on a car such as a J-bar, a type of steering wheel lock. And if you are in a fender bender at night, put on your hazard lights and drive to a well-lit area to exchange information.

Calling for Help

He mentioned you can call 911 from your cell phone even if service is discontinued and to program an "ICE" contact phone number into your cell phone for emergencies. ICE stands for "in case of emergency" and the person you designate as your ICE contact will be contacted first if you are in an accident or are a victim of crime.

With regard to contacting the police to report a crime, Mathews told us to call the Greenbelt Police directly, rather than 911. 911 is for medical emergencies and to use outside of Greenbelt for police emergencies and it's a huge phone bank. Our city police department has two numbers you can call, 301-474-7200 for non-emergencies and 301-474-5454 for emergencies such as a crime in progress and life threatening situations. When you call, the dispatcher will be looking for certain information such as is the crime in process or has it already occurred, are there any injuries, weapons involved and direction of travel of the suspect(s) either on foot or by car. Try to get an accurate description of both the vehicle and suspect. Along with make, model, year and tag number also note color and number of doors. When describing a suspect, note the person's height, build, hair color and shoes if possible. Sometimes the suspect will remove articles of clothing but

not their shoes. You must have a minimum of two trained people for a Neighborhood Watch patrol to be official and you should always conduct a watch in pairs. You should not intervene if you observe illegal or disorderly conduct on a watch, but call the police. Keep in mind disorderly groups can be mixed gender.

Meeting

The second part of the evening was their monthly meeting. Many first-time attendees stayed to hear this discussion as well. Much of the meeting was taken up with preparing for the group's National Night Out event that took place on August 7 in Roosevelt Center.

The group also discussed some issues dealing with the Spellman Overpass. One is to hold a joint patrol/party with the Greenbriar Community in the future. Another is a proposal called the Spellman Overpass Solutions (SOS-1-2-3) that recommends installing at the overpass police video surveillance camera, better lighting and a police callbox. It also recommends gating the bridge at night to protect neighbors on both sides. Most members in attendance agreed with installation of a camera, lighting and callbox. The gating of the overpass was the most controversial and while several members opposed this recommendation, a majority voted to support the proposal as written with gating the overpass as one of the recommendations.

For more safety and crime prevention tips go the Greenbelt Police Department website at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm> and click on the on side bar area labeled "Safety Tips."

Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group Celebrates

by Don Comis

The Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group recently celebrated its first anniversary. The group patrols Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the neighboring areas. Eight members did a patrol in and near last year's Labor Day Festival.

The group joins four existing neighborhood watch groups in Greenbelt that vary in age from two (Hunting Ridge) to 17 years (Windsor Green).

The Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch group is actually a revival of a group that operated in the center city area until 1985.

The Greenbelt groups are among thousands of groups that exist in the United States in a national program that is several decades old.

The National Sheriffs' Association created the National Neighborhood Watch Program in 1972 to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations and individual citizens in a massive effort to reduce residential crime.

Helping Hand

Since its beginnings, Neighborhood Watch has grown from an "extra eyes and ears" approach to crime prevention to a much more proactive, community-oriented endeavor providing a unique infrastructure that brings together local officials, law enforcement and citizens for the protection of their communities. Today's Neighborhood Watch programs are designed to address crime prevention issues but also to restore pride and unity to a neighborhood. Members of watch groups often participate in community cleanups and other activities that strive to improve the quality of life for community residents.

Neighborhood Watch has become especially practical in today's society, in which two-income families are the norm and many neighborhoods are deserted during the day. However, the communities in which citizens have observed and reported suspicious activity have enjoyed lower crime rates.

As with the other neighborhood watch groups in Greenbelt, the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch group does patrols, in which they act as the eyes and ears but not the arms of law enforcement. Master Patrol Officer George Mathews is the Greenbelt police department's liaison to all of the neighborhood watch groups. His supervisor Captain Thomas W. Kemp also works with the Neighborhood Watch groups. Kemp said he had been waiting a long time to see a neighborhood watch group form again in Old Greenbelt. He has been on the force since 1985 and Mathews since 1986. Mathews said he has "trained about 30 to 35 members of the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group, which allows them to go on patrols as long as there are at least two persons together. I trained about 35 more people at our sixth training session on July 31."

There were more than 50 people at the training session, including some who had already been trained.

Laura Kressler, the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch's liaison to other Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch and safety groups such as the Greenbriar Safety Committee, says the group has 18 active members to date. "They do both active patrols mainly on foot but some by car and static watches. A static watch is where you keep an eye out for suspicious activities while you are going about your daily routines," she explained. "We have logged more than 20 patrols and reported everything from trash to people fleeing and leaving behind drug paraphernalia to a drug dealer," Kressler said.

The Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group has an online discussion group with 48 members currently at yahoo.com that anyone can join. It serves as an extension of the neighborhood watch meeting but also provides a way to quickly communicate crimes and suspicious activities.

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Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.



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For more information contact:
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